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## Pharmacy Point of Sale Implementation Delayed

Implementation of Wisconsin Medicaid's pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) electronic claims management system for Medicaid fee-for-service recipients will be delayed. Due to the delay in POS implementation, the schedule for educational teleconferencing network (ETN) sessions will be revised. The November 20 and 24, 1998 ETN pilot training sessions have been canceled. New invitations will be sent out when ETN sessions are rescheduled.

Pharmacy POS implementation will be delayed because additional time is needed to complete the systems development and testing of the unique capabilities of the Wisconsin POS system prior to implementation. These features include:

- Real-time pharmaceutical care (PC) claims submission.
- Real-time compound drug submission, capturing individual ingredients.
- Real-time private health insurance coordination of benefits information.

The pilot program has been rescheduled to begin on March 24, 1999, in Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Rock, Sauk, and Walworth counties. Statewide implementation has been rescheduled for May 1999, prior to implementation of the new recipient plastic identification card.

Pharmacy providers will need to do the following:

- Notify your pharmacy software provider of the new implementation dates.
- Continue submitting claims using current billing methods until POS implementation.

The fiscal agent has informed the switch vendors of the delay.

If you have questions, call the Correspondence Unit for policy/billing information at (608) 221-9883 or (800) 947-9627.

When a dispensing pharmacy receives Medicaid-covered medications from a nursing facility, the dispensing pharmacy is required to credit Medicaid.

The Wisconsin Medicaid Update is the first source for provider information including Medicaid policy and billing information.

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